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Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-20 (canceled)

Claim 21 (new) A substantially pure or isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or 4, or a fragment thereof.

Claim 22 (new) The polypeptide of claim 21, wherein the polypeptide comprises residues 1-284 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 23 (new) A composition comprising the polypeptide of Claim 21 and a suitable carrier.

Claim 24 (new) The composition of Claim 23, wherein the carrier is an aqueous compound.

Claim 25 (new) The composition of Claim 24, wherein the aqueous compound selected from the group consisting of: water, saline, and a buffer solution.

Claim 26 (new) The polypeptide of Claim 21, wherein the polypeptide is fused to a detection or purification tag.

Claim 27 (new) The polypeptide of Claim 26, wherein the detection or purification tag is selected from the group consisting of: FLAG, His6, or Ig sequence.

Claim 28 (new) A kit comprising the polypeptide of Claim 21 and:
a) a compartment comprising the polypeptide; and
b) instructions for use or disposal of the kit.

Claim 29 (new) The polypeptide of Claim 21, wherein the polypeptide is recombinantly produced.

Claim 30 (new) A method of modulating physiology of a cell comprising contacting the cell with the polypeptide of Claim 21.

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Claim 31 (new) The method of Claim 30, wherein the cell is a myeloid cell.

Claim 32 (new) The method of Claim 31, wherein the myeloid cell is a monocyte or dendritic cell.